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## Bishop Walker Urges All-Out Vote

Because so many issues on the November ballot directly affect the lives of Negro people Bishop D. Ormonde Walker, presiding prelate of the Fifth District of the African Methodist Episcopal church urged Negroes to register and vote in the coming election. The plea was made during the 61st Annual Puget Sound Conference which convened at Spokane, Washington August 6th. "Because of the present political situation now facing the people, I'm urging all Negro citizens to register so they'll be able to vote in November," said Bishop Walker. Speaking of the civil rights and

fair employment practice issues, Bishop Walker said: "Anything that disturbed both major political parties so strongly at their national conventions ought to compel Negroes to take proper interest. "When a man cannot work because he's black, when there's work to be done, it certainly is an un-American practice. We should use all means at our disposal to see that this evil is corrected and blotted out from our lives." Bishop Walker said he felt the "milk and water platform of the Republican party is to be regretted. I also feel the change in the Democratic platform as related to civil rights is unfortunate."

## Teacher Seems to Like Cassville—as It Likes Her

CASSVILLE—The first Negro to live in Cassville, the high school commercial teacher, has been accepted on equal terms by townspeople here, who don't seem the least bit concerned with her race. Attractive Mrs. Rebecca Wyatt, 21, has been welcomed into this Grant county village as any other new teacher, or maybe even a bit more warmly. She's popular with pupils—the sophomore class elected her as adviser—and she's been welcomed graciously by the 10-member faculty, the school board, and the community. Dr. L. B. Bernhart took her into his home as a roomer, and she's taken part in most of the village social events. Principal Kenneth Holt said Mrs. Wyatt seems to like Cassville now as well as Cassville likes her—although she was a bit nervous

at first. No wonder; it's her first trip north of Chicago. Her home's in Paris, Tenn. She got her master's degree from the University of Tennessee. Her husband, in the Army three years, now is serving in Korea. Holt said Mrs. Wyatt was hired from a teachers list from the State Industrial Commission and "we didn't know for sure she was a Negro till she got here. All we cared about was whether she could teach. So far she's been excellent, he added. Mrs. Wyatt is probably the only Negro teacher in a western Wisconsin school and the first in Cassville, Holt said, adding that "we hope this will be a good example for others." But to Cassville's 956 people, Mrs. Wyatt's no "example"—she's just another resident and a good teacher.

## Interchange Students With White School

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pa. (ANP)—As part of a trend toward more interracial activities by Protestant churches, the Theological Seminary of Lincoln university and the Evangelical and Reformed Seminary of Lancaster, Pa., have exchanged students this semester. Studying at Lincoln is William Bador of Allentown, Pa., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall college and a middler at Evangelical

and Reformed. Lincon's representative at Lancaster is Charles Thomas of Jonesboro, Ark., also a middler. Both students will take regular courses.

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### Nebraska's Senators (9)

John M. Thurston, United States Senator from Nebraska, 1895-1901, was widely known for his oratorical powers. Indeed, among Nebraska's nationally-known political figures, he may be second only to William Jennings Bryan in his reputation for oratory.

Probably the high point of Senator Thurston's career was an orator came during the campaign of 1888, when he appeared at Buffalo, New York, with James G. Blaine, Republican candidate for president. The crowd was so large that Mr. Blaine could not make himself heard—this was before the day of the public address system—and unable to hear, they became restless. The meeting was about to break up in pandemonium when Senator Thurston was called upon to speak.

Thurston served as Blaine's floor manager during the Republican National Convention, but the junior senator from Nebraska was hardly well known to the rank and file in that Buffalo audience. In a few minutes, though, he was able to quiet the noisy crowd—and he held it spell bound for an hour and forty minutes. After his speech, he was carried out of the hall on the shoulders of his newly-won, enthusiastic admirers.

Senator Thurston's triumph in Buffalo came as no surprise to Nebraskans. They had seen him in action for almost 20 years.

Born in Vermont, August 21, 1847, Thurston came to the bustling new city of Omaha in 1869. He had seen service in the Union Army and had studied law. As a young lawyer in Omaha he had a hard time of it—during most of his first year he slept on the office floor—but in a short while he began to get on.

In common with most of his colleagues, Thurston was active in politics. He served on the Omaha city council, and had a term in the legislature. His principal influence was exercised, though, as a delegate to Republican conventions rather than as a candidate for office. He was Chairman of the Republican National Convention in 1888 and 1896.

He was a strong candidate for the Senate in 1893. In that year, however, he was but one of a number of strong candidates—J.



## Fashion Trends

by Freddye S. Henderson

slinky. To achieve it means the wearing of sexy, sheathlike, sophisticated, overfitted, satiny or otherwise glittering gowns, referred to by one high style fashion writer as "exotic trappings."

What the dress seems to lack in fabric, the accessories seem to take on in the form of bulk, for earrings are large and massive, or long and dangling, the gloves long, as though trying to compensate in modesty for the extreme lack of it in the cut of the gown.

The shoes are likely to be just a series of straps that twine provocatively around the ankle and calf.

Obviously this type regalia was not meant for the average American woman who stands around five feet, three inches and weighs 130 pounds. (What fashions were?) Unless you are tall, thin but yet curvaceous, and move with the grace of a panther, then you had best forget about the siren look, and just be content to be your own sweet, charming self until the fashion experts see fit to publicize the "Wholesome look" or some other type less rigid in physical specifications.

Meanwhile, there is great wisdom and considerable comfort in the words of the French dressmaker who when asked by the buxom customer to make her a gown to make her look thinner replied: "Oh, but Madam, not all men like zee skinny girls."

### The Siren Look—Approach With Caution

The fashion industry, in its endless quest to make women dissatisfied with their present wardrobe, comes up from time to time with a featured "look." There has been the "New look," the "Middy look," the "Little-middle look," and now this fall, the "Siren look."

Now, the siren look has its advantages, chief among which is the fact that it invariably attracts attention—particularly masculine attention. Unfortunately, the wolf's whistle cannot be depended upon as a barometer of good taste, so in the matter of looking or not looking like a siren, a woman has to be her own best judge.

The siren look means just what it says—to look like a siren. In other words, to look alluring, tempting and enticing. That suggests not only certain types of clothes (or the absence of them) but it also suggests certain physical attributes.

The siren look is sleek and Sterling Morton, Algernon S. Pad-dock, James E. Boyd, and William Jennings Bryan—defeated by William V. Allen, Thurston's position as the Union Pacific's general solicitor weighed heavily against him in a legislature dominated by anti-monopolists.

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